

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1028

By Rowland

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Jason Thomas Parker,
2002 Valedictorian of Smyrna High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jason Thomas Parker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Smyrna High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Parker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Jason Thomas Parker has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Mr. Parker has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Physics Award, the Calculus Award, the English IV Award, and the J.J. McWilliams Award; and

WHEREAS, a proficient and dedicated scholar, he has also been named the winner of the Ned McWherter Scholars Program and a 2001 National Merit Commended Student; and

WHEREAS, a gifted student of the sciences, Jason Thomas Parker participated in the Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences and was ranked first in physics and astronomy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker possesses remarkable athletic talent and is an integral part of the high school Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, he is involved in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Student Council, Mu Alpha Theta, the American Legion Boys' State, Youth Leadership Rutherford, the National Honor Society, and Beta Epsilon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker serves with numerous civic organizations, including the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Jason Thomas Parker's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Charles and Patricia Parker, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Parker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Smyrna High School Valedictorian, Jason Thomas Parker, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.